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2. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 11-273695, published October 8, 1999, to Asahi Glass Co., Ltd., with English Abstract.
3. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 10-21943, published January 23, 1998. This application corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,985,477.
4. U.S. Patent No. 5,985,477, issued November 16, 1999, to Iwasaki et al.
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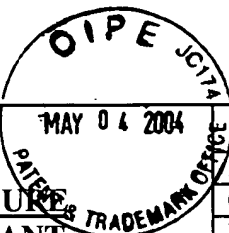
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